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WHEREAS, Jonathan W. Nyce, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 59 Sayre Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, Assignor, has invented new and useful LOW ADENOSINE ANTI-SENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE, COMPOSITIONS, KIT & METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF AIRWAY DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH BRONCHOCONSTRICTION, LUNG INFLAMMATION, ALLERGY(IES) & SURFACTANT DEPLETION for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed by him on or about the same date as this Assignment; and

WHEREAS, Assignor believes himself to be the original, first and sole inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the application for Letters Patent; and

WHEREAS, East Carolina University, a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina and an educational institution chartered under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having a principal place of operation at 210 Spilman Building, Greenville, North Carolina 27858-4353, Assignee, desires to acquire by formal, recordable assignment the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any Letters Patent that might be granted for the invention in the United States and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any Letters Patent that might be granted for the invention in the United States and throughout the world, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of Assignee and to claim for any such foreign applications any priority rights to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties or otherwise.

Further, Assignor agrees that, upon request and without further compensation, but at no expense to Assignor, he and his legal representatives and assigns will perform all lawful acts, including the execution of papers and the giving of testimony, that might be necessary or desirable for obtaining, sustaining, reissuing or enforcing Letters Patent in the U.S. and throughout

throughout the world for the invention, and for perfecting, recording or maintaining the title of Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the invention, the application, and any Letters Patent granted for the invention in the United States and throughout the world.

Assignor represents and warrants that he has not granted and will not grant to others any rights inconsistent with the rights granted by this Assignment.

Assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and of all foreign countries to issue any Letters Patent granted for the invention, whether on the application or on any subsequently filed division, continuation, continuation-in-part or reissue application, to Assignee, its successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire interest in the invention.

Assignor further authorizes and requests insertion below of the serial number and filing date of the application, when officially known:

Serial No.  $\frac{60/127,959}{}$ 

Filing Date 4/9/99

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has executed this Assignment.

| Date: <u>6/28/99</u>  | JONATHANW. NYCE |       |  |
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| State of New Jersey   | )               |       |  |
| County of Middle Sex. | .)              | ) ss. |  |

On this Bday of Juliano, in the year of 1999, before me personally appeared MATHO NIGO, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year of this certificate first above written.

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WHEREAS, W. James Metzger, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 238 windsor Road Greenville, NC 27858. Assignor, has invented new and useful LOW ADENOSINE ANTI-SENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE, COMPOSITIONS, KIT & METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF AIRWAY DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH BRONCHOCONSTRICTION, LUNG INFLAMMATION, ALLERGY (IES) & SURFACTANT DEPLETION, for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed by him on or about the same date as this Assignment; and

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Assignor further authorizes and requests insertion below of the serial number and filing date of the application, when officially known:

Serial No. 60/127, 958

. Filing Date 4/6/99

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has executed this Assignment.

Date: 4/15/99

W.JAMES METZGER

State of North Carolina

County of

) ss.

On this 15 day of 1910, in the year of 1999, before me personally appeared 1999, before me personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year of this certificate first above written.

Notary Public in and for Said

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